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ORDER:

The Research Stations and Farms of the Agricultural Department are intended to be centres where 'live' research will be done on different crops and improved methods of agriculture practised, so that the results obtained at these stations may be put across to the roots to promote the agricultural development of the Province. It has been suggested, that the association of non-officials with the working of these stations will put their activities to the test of practical utility. The Government agree with this suggestion and consider that a start may be made in this direction with on Honorary Visitor in the first instance to visit the research station and farms. They accordingly appoint Sri M.Bapineedu, M.L.A., who is a specialist in Agre and horticulture and President of the Fruit Development Board, Madras, as a non-official honorary visitor to the Agricultural stations, and farms etc. in the Province under the control of the Agricultural Department, for a period of two years from 1-3-1948. The Director of Agriculture is requested to instruct the officers in charge of the research stations and farms to afford necessary facilities to the Honorary Visitor during his visits. The Honorary Visitor will forward his suggestions and recommendations to the Director of Agriculture direct who will take necessary action on them, or submit them to Government wherever necessary.

2. The Honorary Visitor will draw travelling allowance and daily allowance at the rates admissible to a M.L.A. when he attends the sessions of the Legislature or Committees connected with the work of Legislature. The expenditure on the travelling allowance etc. of the Honorary Visitor should not however exceed Rs.600/- (Six hundred) a year.

3. The expenditure should be debited to "40.d. Agricultural-Agricultural Demonstration and Propaganda including Public exhibitions and Fairs - I. ordinary areas (i) excluding Post War Reconstruction.

(BY Order of His Excellency the Governor)

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Secy. to Government.

To
The Director of Agriculture,
The Accountant General through Finance,
Copy to Sri M.Bapineedu,M.L.A., No.5A, Mowbrays' Road,
Royapettah, Madras.

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Sub: Agriculture - Research Stations - Appointment of an Honorary visitor to research stations and farms.

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Sri M. Bapineedu M.L.A. is the President of the Fruit Development Board. He is a specialist in Agriculture, and Hortinculture and I think he will be of considerable help and use if he visits the Agricultural Farms, Research Stations and Fruit gardens. I propose to appoint him as an honorary visiter to all the Farms, Research Stations and Fruit Gardens. He will have to be given Travelling allowance when the visits these stations .Please examine.

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To A.S.

H.M(Agri)'s minutes above. With a view to secure the association of non-officials in an Honorary capacity with the working of the Agricultural college and Research Institute, Coimbatore, the Government have already set up a board of honorary visitors. Appointments to the Board are made by Government once in three years. Each member of the Board visits the college and Research Institute, according to a roaster prepared by the Board and records his suggestions. The Board meets once in a half year and discuss matters connected with the institutions and suggestions made by the members. Action is taken by the Director of Agriculture on the several recommendations made by the Board in consultation with the Government wherever necessary. A similar Board has been constituted for the Agricultural college Bapatla also. At present the activities of the Agricultural Research stations and Farms are controlled by the respective crop specialists and the Director of Agriculture, Non-Official honorary visitors have not been appointed in the past for Research Stations and farms etc. The introduction of this system in the case of Agricultural colleges at Coimbatore and Bapatla, may be said to be proving useful. The appointment of a non-official honorary visitor well versed in agricultural as the one contemplated by H.M.(Agri). will help to broaden the out-look of the departmental staff and infuse them with new ideas. It is however for consideration whether the suggestion may be referred to the Director of Agriculture in the first instance for remarks.

As regards 'A' on page 1 above, it is submitted that in the event of Government finally deciding to appoint a non-official to visit research stations etc. Travelling allowances may be allowed to him at the rate mentioned in G.O.No.520,Finance, dated 10-7-47.

The proposal to appoint non-official honorary visitors to Agricultural Research Stations and farms will be a step in the right direction and it will not be a day too soon.

Official control of these Research stations by superior officers of the Department has not been by any means satisfactory. The Headquarters Deputy Director and the Principal, Agricultural College,Coimbatore on whom is cast the duty of visiting all these stations in a year, have not been able to visit many of them. Further, we want 'live' research to be done by those stations, viz. improvements which can be put

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across to ryots to be practised by them to improve their crops. The association of non-officials will put the activities of these stations to the test of practical utility. Apart from fundamental research, these stations should engage themselves in improvements useful to the ryots. There are however about 40 research stations and farms in the Province and it will not be possible for one non-official visitor to visit all these. We may appoint three or four. Proposals may be called for from the Director of Agriculture.

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We may well begin with one Hon.Visitor. If other qualified persons are available, their cases can be considered. I certainly agree that a few enthusiastic Hon.visitors can put up pep into our otherwise routine work. Thax Mr. Bapineedu will be entitled to Travelling allowance as an M.L.A. Finance may see.

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The proposal at 'A' above may be accepted in Finance. The case may be circulated to H.M.(Fin.)

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The file may be circulated with reference to H.M.(Agri.) note on page 1 ante.
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H.M.(Fin.) He may be appointed for a period of two years from 1-3-48. His Travelling allowance and Dearness Allowance should not exceed Rs.50 p.m. on an average of Rs.600 per annum.

H.M.(Agri.) may see.
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H.M.(Agri.) I agree. But we need not insist on the monthly amount not exceeding 50. We need only say that it should not exceed Rs.600/- a year.
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To A.S. (Orders in circulation above)
A draft order is submitted. Finance may perhaps see before issue. It is presumed that the Director of Agriculture need not be informed of the proposals before orders are issued.

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Fin(CSR) Dev.No.12605 A II/48 dt.15-2-48.

(Previous Fin.note on page 3 above)
Orders in circulation above and the draft order below may be perused and the case returned to Development.
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for Superintendent,
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